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THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

PAUL HARRELSON

PETER HARRELSON

NATHANIEL HARRELSON

FORBES HARRELSON

JOSEPH RUSH

SAMUEL PRACKIN

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Contributed by Mrs. Arthur D. James

nee Martha Pracken Harrelson.

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Jakes, Mrs. Arthur D

The last will and testament of Paul
Harrelson, Peter Harrelson, Nathaniel Harrelson,
Forbes Harrelson, Joseph Bush, Samuel Brackin.
Kansas City, Mo., Elizabeth Benton Chapter,
D.A.R., 1936?
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Will of Paul Harrelson.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I Paul Harrelson of St. Paul's Parish in New Kent County, being sick and weak but thanks be to God of sound and perfect memory yet considering the uncertainty of life have thought fit to constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

That is first and principally I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Heavenly maker in hope through his meritorious death and passion of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to receive free pardon and remission of all my sins, next I commit my body to the ground to be buried in Christian burial at the direction of my executors and as to what real and personal estate of which God hath pleased to bless me which I give and bequeath in manner and form following.

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved son Peter Harrelson, two hundred and forty acres of land lying on the south side of Crump's Creek, and being the same on which he now liveth to hold of him and his heirs henceforth and forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my aforesaid son Peter Harrelson and his heirs forever, a negro man Tony.

Item - I give to my beloved son Paul Harrelson and his heirs forever the plantation whereon I now dwell, with all the land appurtenances belonging to the same.

Item - I give and bequeath to my said son Paul Harrelson and his heirs forever a negro man named Gollish and a negro girl named Betty and a feather bed and furniture.

Item - I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Rebecca Sims and her heirs forever a negro girl named Parthenia.

Item - I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Anne Childs and her heirs forever a negro boy named Dennis and likewise a feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Judith Harrelson and her heirs forever a negro girl named Kate also a feather bed and furniture.

Item - I give and bequeath the remaining part of my estate, be it of what nature or quality forever whether real or personal to be equally divided among my wife and all my five children of her begotten.

Lastly do I appoint my well beloved wife Rebecca Harrelson and my son Peter Harrelson, Executrix and Executor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of August, in the year of our Lord God 1718. My will and testament desire is that my wife have the use of my whole estate during her widowhood.

Paul Harrelson (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of



At a Court held for Hanover County, the 5th day of April, MDCCXXIV

This last will and testament of Paul Harrelson, deceased was this day proved on open court by the oath of John Weeks, one of the witnesses hereto who made oath that he saw John Sneed and John Sneed Jr. the other witnesses thereto witness the same and it will be admitted record and the executor herein named being dead, at the motion of Paul Harrelson, son of the said deceased and he taking the oath appointed by law he taken by Exrs, certificate was granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the said decedents estate with the said will annexed in due form.

Teste:

Au. Graham, C. C.

Truly recorded Teste.

Know all men by these presents, that we Paul Harrelson and Henry Childs are held and firmly bound unto Nicholas Keriwether Gent first in commission of the peace for the said County of Hanover his heirs executors administrators and assigns, for and in behalf of and to the sole use and behoof of the Justices belonging to the Court of the said County of Hanover and their successors in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling to the payment well and truly to be made upon demand we bind ourselves and every one of us and every one of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. In witness hereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the 5th day of April 1734.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Paul Harrelson administrator with the will annexed of all the goods chattels and credits of Paul Harrelson deceased, do make and cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Paul Harrelson or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited in the County Court of Hanover County at which time as he shall be thereto required by the said court and the same goods, chattels and credits of the same deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands of possession of the said Paul Harrelson or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do holy and truly administer according to law and further do make a true account of his acting and doings therein when thereto required by the said court and also do well and truly pay all the legacies contained and specified in the said testament as far as the said goods chattels and credits will thereunto extend according to the value thereof and the law shall charge him then this obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue,

Paul Harrelson (SEAL)

Henry Childs (SEAL)

At a Court held for Hanover County, the 5th day of April MDCCXXIV Paul Harrelson and Henry Childs acknowledged this their bond and it was ordered to be recorded.

Teste:

Hanover County, Virginia. -2-

Au. Graham, C. C.

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Will of Peter Harrelson.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I Peter Harrelson, of St. Paul's Parish in the County of Hanover, Virginia, being sick but thanks be to God of perfect sense and memory have thought fit to constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis, I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Heavenly Father in full and perfect hope meritorious death and passion of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to receive free pardon and remission of all my sins. My body I commit to the earth to be buried in Christian burial at the direction of my Executor hereinafter named and as to what worldly estate God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and bequeath in manner and form following.

Item: I give unto my loving wife Mary Harrelson the use of all the upper part of my land and plantation whereon I now live from the upper boundary down to a branch adjacent to my plantation whereon Daniel Tyler now lives, dividing across from the south of the said branch upon a straight course across my land to my cask line during her natural life and after her decease to my son Paul Harrelson and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Burgess Harrelson my plantation whereon Daniel Tyler now lives and all the remainder of my land adjacent to it below the aforementioned _____ crosses to run to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Harrelson one thousand pounds of tobacco with cask _____ to the same to pay for one hundred and thirty acres of land lying on Hinson's Creek, in Hanover County which I have already agreed for and desire it may be acknowledged to my son John and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel one negro boy named Jack to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I lend unto my loving wife Mary all the remainder of my estate during her natural life to be of what nature and quality, _____ and after her decease to be equally divided among my children _____ Eliza Harrelson, Burgess, John, Paul, Nathaniel, Agnes and Sarah Harrelson, lastly I constitute my loving wife Mary Harrelson, and my friend Henry Childs executors of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 21st day of January, One thousand seven hundred and thirty three.

Peter Harrelson (SEAL)

Signed and published in the presence of us-

Paul Harrelson
Ralph Hunt
James I. H. Hooper

At a Court held for Hanover County, Virginia, first day of March, MDCCXXXIII. This last will and testament of Peter Harrelson was this day proved in open court by the oaths of Paul Harrelson and Ralph Hunt, two of the witnesses thereto and was admitted to record.

Teste:

Au, Graham, Clk. Cur.

Truly recorded teste:

Know all men by these presents that we Mary Harrelson, Henry Childs, Paul Harrelson Jr. are held and firmly bound unto Nicholas Meriwether Gent, the first Justice in the commission of the peace for Hanover for and in behalf and to the sole use and behoof of the Justices of the said County and their successors in the sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling to be paid to the said Nicholas Meriwether, his executors, administrators and assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and every one of us our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with our seal this 1st day of March, MDCCXXXIII.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Mary Harrelson, Extrx. of the last will and testament of Peter Harrelson, deceased, do make or cause to be made a full and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowlege of the said Mary or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for her and the same so made do exhibit into the County Court of Hanover at such time time as she shall be thereunto required by the said Court and the same goods chattels and credits and all other goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which at any time after shall come to the hands possession or knowlege of the said Mary or into the hands possession or knowlege of any other person or persons for her do well and truly administer according to law and further do make true and just account of her actings and doings thereon when thereto required by the said Court and also shall and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said testament as far as the said goods and chattels and credits will therefore extend and the law shall charge.

Then this obligation shall be void and of no effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Mary Harrelson (SEAL)
Henry Childs (SEAL)
Paul Harrelson (SEAL)

At a Court held for Hanover County, Virginia, this 1st day of March, MDCCXXXIII, Mary Harrelson, Henry Childs, and Paul Harrelson, Jr. acknowledge this their bond was admitted to record.

Teste:

Truly recorded Teste.

Au. Graham, Clk.

The Will of Nathaniel Harrelson.

In the name of God Amen the 7 day of April 1781.

I, Nathaniel Harrelson of Caswell County and State of North Carolina, being very sick in body but of good and sound memory thanks be to almighty God and calling to mind the uncertain Estate of this Transitory life and that all Flesh must yeild to Dearth when it shall please God to call, do make constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, revoking by these testaments all wills and Testaments either made or declared by me either by word or writing and this is to be taken only for my last will and Testament and none other, and first I reccommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came and now for the settling of my Temporal Estates and such goods and chattels and debts as it hath pleased God far above my desserts to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose the same in the manner and form following that is to say, First, I will that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter named.

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Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Barcos Harrelson one negro girl named Peg and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Smith my roan mare and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my four sons, Thomas, Forbes, Nathan and Jeremiah all the lands that I possess to be equally divided between them in quantity and quality and if either die before they come to mans age their part to be equally divided among the rest.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Smith one red and white pied heifer and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item: That my negro boy named Elleck with the movable part of my estate remain with my beloved wife Barcos to raise my children upon and the negro Elleck to be equally divided between my daughters Elizabeth and Sarah and the rest of the movables to be equally divided between my children Thomas, Forbes, Nathan, Jeremiah, Elizabeth and Sarah, and I do hereby empower my beloved wife Barcos to give any part of said movables to my children as they marry or come of age according to their parts, and if my wife Barcos should marry and my estate like to be wasted, then that the movables to be taken out of her hands only her third left her, and my will is that my beloved wife Barcos hold the plantation I now live on with as much of my new surveyed land adjoining the same as will include a noted spring near Graveses line, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Barcos Harrelson and my son Thomas Harrelson my executors, witness my hand and seal this 7 day of April 1781.

Nathaniel H
son

Test.
John Payne (Jurat)
John Cochran (Jurat)

Will of Nathaniel Harrelson,

Caswell County Ss.

June Court 1731.

The last will & Testm^t of Nath^l
Harrelson was proven in open Court by the oath of John
Payne & John Cochran Two of the Witnesses thereto &
on Motion Ordered to be recorded.

Test

Al^d Murphy C.C.

Endorsed: Nath^l Harrelson

Last Will & Testm^t

Recorded

Caswell County

Recorded in Book A folio 55

Test Al^d Murphy C.C.

From: The North Carolina Historical Commission,
Caswell County Records,
Wills 1776-1860, Vol. 1 page 42.

A true copy

(Signed) A. R. Newcome,
Secretary, North Carolina
Historical Commission.

Raleigh, N. C.
May 4, 1932.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,)
Caswell County.)

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents, that we Jerre Harrelson & Henry Atkinson are held and firmly bound unto James Turner, Esquire, Governor &c. or his successors in Office, in the full sum of Five Hundred Pounds, Current Money, to be paid to the said Governor, his Successors, or Assigns, for the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our Seals, and dated this 29th Day of Novem. Anno Domini 1893.

THE Condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden Jerre Harrelson hath made Application for a License for a Marriage to be celebrated between him and Patcey Bracken of the County aforesaid: Now, in case it shall not appear hereafter, that there is any lawful cause or impediment to obstruct the said marriage, then the above Obligation to be void: otherwise to remain in full Force and Virtue,

Signed, sealed and delivered,) Jeremiah Harrelson (Seal)
in the presence of Henry Atkinson (Seal)
Alex Murphey D. C.

From: The North Carolina Historical Commission,
Caswell County Marriage Bonds- H.

A True Copy

(Signed) A. E. Newcome
Secretary, North Carolina
Historical Commission,

Raleigh, N. C.
May 2, 1932.

RECORD of JEREMIAH HARRELSON FAMILY

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Jeremiah Harrelson, son of Nathaniel and Dorcas Harrelson
born Jan. 3, 1778 in Caswell Co. N.C. and
Martha Ector Bracken, his wife, daughter of Samuel
and Martha Ector Bracken born Oct. 1, 1781

Children-----

Malinda C. born Sept. 17, 1804
Joseph A. born May 4, 1808
James C. born Aug. 10, 1811
Isabel Bracken born June 30, 1814
John Bracken born Aug. 27, 1817
Jeremiah T. born Apr. 25, 1820
Nathaniel Ector born Jan. 10, 1807

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Marriages

Jeremiah Harrelson married Martha Bracken Dec. 1, 1803

Malinda C. and James Hunter Graham married Mar. 28, 1822, Logan Co. Ky
Nathaniel Ector and Maleta West married Sept. 10, 1831, Simpson Co. Ky
Joseph A. and Barbara Carrick married Apr. 4, 1837, Jackson Co. Mo.
James C. and Fannie Potts married Aug. 6, 1840, Jackson Co. Mo.
Isabel Bracken and Zenas Leonard married June 30, 1846, Jackson Co. Mo.
John Bracken and Mary Douglas married Oct. 15, 1849, Jackson Co. Mo.

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Deaths

Martha Bracken Harrelson died Sept. 27, 1839 in Jackson Co. Mo.
Jeremiah Harrelson died Oct. 4, 1839 in Jackson Co. Mo.
Jeremiah Harrelson Jr. died Oct. 7, 1839 in Jackson Co. Mo.
Malinda C. Graham died Aug. 18, 1842 in Lexington Mo.
Isabel Bracken Leonard died Aug. 11, 1851 in Sibley Mo.
Joseph A. Harrelson died Jan. 3, 1852 in Sibley Mo.
James C. Harrelson died Apr. 6, 1852 in Sibley Mo.
John Bracken Harrelson died Aug. 15, 1858 in Sibley Mo.
Nathaniel Ector Harrelson died Jan. 18, 1893 in Cass Co. Mo.

Will of Forbes Harrelson.

I, Forbes Harrelson of Caswell County, North Carolina, do make this instrument as my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills as instruments by me heretofore made.

1st. I will and bequeath to Bennett Harrelson, son of my first wife Frances Harrelson, one dollar as his proportionable part of my estate.

2nd. I will and bequeath to my present wife Martha Harrelson and her children Polly Foster, Nancy Weatherford, Sally Harrelson, Nathan Harrelson, William Harrelson, Darcus Harrelson, James Harrelson, Elizabeth Harrelson, Henderson Harrelson, Iverson Harrelson Martha Harrelson, all the property I now possess after my death.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of May, 1820.

(Signed) Forbes Harrelson,

Interlined before assigned
Witness: Archibald Samuel Ind.
Samuel Richardson.
Samuel Henderson.

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Brief of Will of Joseph Bush.

27 April 1804. Probated Dec. Court 1809? (1809) E. C.

Names: Mary Ann Bush and Children.
Son, Zenas Bush.
Six children of deceased daughter Nancy Harrelson, namely,
Panny, Eetsy, Nathaniel, Sally, Darcus and Nancy Harrelson.
Grandson, Bennett Harrelson,
Daughter, Eetsy Fleming.
Daughter, Rhoda Bush, Ibba Rice and Sarah Bush, Lewis Bush,
and Mary Bush.

Property given to Nancy Harrelson, Frankie Harrelson, Eetsy Fleming, and Zebba Rice in my lifetime to be considered part of the above legacy mentioned,

Son Zenas and Parzilliar Graves Sr. and Solomon Graves Sr. sole executors.

Witnessed:-
Will Bartlett Yancey
John Ogilley.

LAST WILL OF SAMUEL BRACKIN.

APRIL COURT 1812.

In the name of God Amen: I Samuel Brackin of Caswell County and State of North Carolina being old and very infirm in body, but of perfect and sound memory and considering that in a short time I must quit the stage of action and having a desire to settle my affairs before I leave the world do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament to be taken and no other either by word or writing: as first I desire to give and humbly resign my soul to Almighty God who gave it to me and my body to be decently buried; in such place as my executor hereafter named shall appoint and as to my temporal goods and chattels that the Lord has graciously bestowed upon me: I give in manner and form following- - that is to say, I desire that all my just and lawful debts be lawfully contented and paid.

Second: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Rebecca Brackin, the land and plantation where I now live, to have and to hold in peaceable possession during her life or widowhood but after her marriage or death I give it to my son John Brackin with 28 acres joining taking off the land I bought of Peter Smith; I also give my wife three cows and calves, and one horse named "Gray" and six head of sheen and half the hogs, one feather bed and furniture, and as much of the household furniture as she pleases only, the rest of the beds, and as having provided for my daughter Jane Cobb and my son Joseph Brackin and my daughter Margaret Sanders, I give each of them five shillings.

I give Hannah Murphy deed (?) five shillings.

I give unto my two grandchildren John Murphy and Martha Ector Murphy all that tract of land whereon their mother died only 28 acres joining the old tract I gave my son John.

Item: I give my daughter Isabell Blackwell one hundred dollars.

Item: I give unto my daughter Martha Ector Harrelson one hundred dollars each to be raised out of my estate.

Item: To my young daughter Sina Brackin I give one negro boy "Cubit" and one feather bed and furniture and one walnut chest.

Item: To my daughter Vasca Brackin one negro boy Named "James" and one feather bed and furniture, and one walnut table.

Item: To my daughter Grisina I give one negro woman named Hannah and one feather bed and furniture.

Item: I desire that my negro man Paul should work on the plantation if they can live in peace, if not to hire him out 'till my youngest daughter is 18 years old. Now all the rest of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my three youngest daughters and I do hereby declare this my last will and testament and do appoint my two sons Joseph and John Brackin my executors to act in this my will and to testify the same. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 8th day of February 1812.

State of North Carolina,
Caswell County Court, 1812.

The executor of this will was duly proved in open court by the oath of William Morgan and Isaac King, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded at the same time John Brackin duly qualified to execute the same.

Children of Samuel Bracken and Martha, his Wife

Jane Bracken, born Aug. 11, 1767

Margaret Bracken, born Mar. 7, 1769

Joseph Bracken, born Sept. 16, 1771

John Bracken Sr. born July, 28, 1773

John Bracken Jr. born Aug. 1, 1775

Hannah Bracken, born Aug. 28, 1777

Isabelle Bracken, born Aug. 5, 1779

Martha Ector, born Sept. 30, 1781

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Children of Samuel Bracken and Rebecca, his second wife

Sina Bracken, born Jan. 13, 1801

Nyorky Bracken born Oct. 12, 1802

Aggripina Bracken born Sept. 7, 1804

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Record of Joseph Bracken's Family

Children of Joseph Bracken and Lenna Womack, first marriage Mar. 16, 1795

Son born Jan. 10, 1796, died in infancy

Elizabeth S. Bracken born Mar. 4, 1797, died June 11, 1820

Daughter born June 30, 1799, died in infancy

Children of second wife Jane Dixon, married June 24, 1802

Sina Bracken, born Mar. 24, 1802

Dorthea Bracken born Nov. 26, 1804

Armstead Bracken born Apr. 15, 1807

Julius Saunders Bracken born May 23, 1809

John Bracken born May 20, 1811

Sarah H. Bracken born Apr. 11, 1813

Samuel Ector Bracken born May 24, 1815, 1841

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